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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Exhibit at NOW Conference

1. I received a call on 19 September from Kathy Bonk, Conference Coordinator for the annual Conference of the National Organization of Women (NOW) to be held in Washington, D. C. 6-8 October. The Conference Committee met with NOW officials (including the president, Ms. Eleanor Smeal) last weekend to finalize plans. At this meeting, it was disclosed that numerous calls had been received from members protesting the presence of exhibit booths by the FBI and the CIA. Apparently there is also the possibility that dissident groups within NOW may use the presence of these Agencies to create demonstrations.

2. The Director of the Federal Women's Program of the Civil Service Commission, Diane Herrmann, contacted me and expressed dismay over the situation. She stated that the FBI was withdrawing its booth and that the Federal Women's Program in protest was withdrawing its booth on Women in Law Enforcement.

3. In light of this information, after consulting with the Director, EEO, I have cancelled the CIA exhibit and requested full refund of the booth fee (\$300). The Recruitment Division which was to assist the Office of EEO in this effort has been notified.

4. CIA has not previously participated in this conference but decided to do so at the urging of the Director of the Federal Women's Program, CSC, at a recent meeting with the DCI.

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